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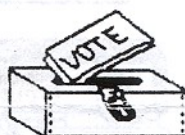
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NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

ANOTHER SPECIAL ELECTION ?

Yes! On May 9, 1995 there will be a general Town election to fill two more seats on the Trappe Town Council. Charter amendments adopted earlier this year as the result of a 1993 voter initiated referendum will increase the number of commissioners from three to five. The candidates who win seats in the May election will serve a full four year term. The current commissioners will be up for reelection in May of 1997.



The Commissioners will be considering several proposed changes in election procedures at their January 4th. Council meeting. Among other things, these charter amendments would change the deadline for filing as a candidate from the second Monday in April to the third Tuesday in March. These changes were recommended by the Trappe Election Board. Persons interested in running in the upcoming election should plan to file before March 21, 1995.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK- Deteriorated sidewalks are currently being replaced along Maple Ave. from Powell ave. to Main St. The \$23,000 project should be completed by the end of this month.

FLOODING PROBLEM CORRECTED- After many months of delay, a longstanding drainage problem between the Old Trappe Road Town Houses and the Farms Lane development is finally being corrected. The Commissioners awarded a construction contract to E. S. Diefenderfer. The work should be completed by the end of this month.

MARVEL DRIVE TO BE PAVED- The Commissioners have accepted a proposal from Del-Mar-Ua Paving Co. Inc. for resurfacing Marvel Drive with hot asphalt paving material. Developer Rumsey Seymour has agreed to reimburse the Town for 20% of the \$34,717 cost of the project. The work is to be completed by Dec. 31, 1994, weather permitting.

TRASH DISPOSAL COSTS SOAR- The Commissioners have agreed to extend the current trash collection contract with D. R. J. Refuse for one year. The extension includes a very modest increase of 1 cent per household per week, however, the cost for disposal at the landfill is expected to jump from \$27.00 per ton to \$42.30 per ton! Additional revenue will need to be included in next year's budget to cover these costs.

The following restrictions apply to trash collection:

- * **Limit of six 30 gallon cans or 12 tied bags**
- * **Limit of three fiber boxes (no wet boxes)**
- * **Limbs & trimmings cut to 3 feet and tied not to exceed 60 pounds**
- * **Newspapers & magazines tied in bundles not to exceed 30 pounds (see next article)**
- * **Hypodermic syringes and medical waste to be disinfected and placed in puncture resistant ridged containers.**
- * **The following will NOT be collected: hot or cold ashes, Christmas trees, explosives, poisons, acids, caustics, dirt, wet paint cans, sod, stones, containers over 30 gallon capacity, anything over 60 pounds, and trash from other locations.**

Residents are requested to keep trash containers secure and out of sight until the afternoon of the day before scheduled trash collection.

PLEASE HELP CUT COSTS. RECYCLE YOUR TRASH!



Increased landfill costs will ultimately be passed on to town residents in the form of increased property taxes (and rents) or direct user charges. Our trash removal contractor estimates that 20% of our trash pickup is recyclable material! Thousands of dollars could be cut from the Town budget if all of this material were recycled. Newspaper, office paper, magazines, glass bottles, metal cans, and plastic milk containers should **NEVER** be placed in the trash. All of these items are accepted in the recycling igloos at Shore Stop at no cost to the Town. Please take advantage of this service.

TRAFFIC HAZARDS ADDRESSED- Speed limit signs are being installed on Seymour Drive and Marvel Drive. Everyone is urged to drive cautiously, especially during the holidays when children are home from school.

The Commissioners continue to receive calls from concerned citizens about children playing in the streets and between parked cars in the Lakeview subdivision. Offstreet parking should be used whenever possible. Parents are asked to supervise young children playing near the street. Please help make this holiday season and the new year safe for everyone.

APPOINTMENTS MADE- Chet Wilson has been appointed to the Boards of Zoning and BOCA Appeals to fill the seat left when Edgar Harrison was elected Commissioner. Paul Moore was appointed as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Paul is also a member of the BOCA Appeals board. Tommy Cottingham will replace Rick Perry on Parks and Recreation. The Commissioners wish to thank all who volunteer to serve their community in these positions.

GOOD DOG, BAD DOG ?

The Town Office continues to receive numerous complaints about thoughtless individuals who allow their pets to "cause problems" in their neighborhoods. The Town Code provides specific requirements for licensing and control of dogs and other animals. Among other things, the code makes it unlawful for the owner to permit their dog(s) or other animals to run at large or to permit their animal to constitute a public nuisance. The owner is also "responsible for removal of any excretion deposited by the animal(s) on public walks or roads, recreation area or private property".



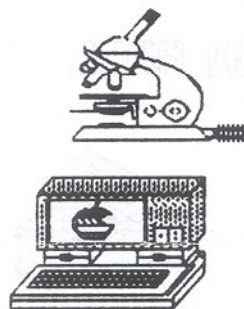
Persons found guilty of violating the animal control regulations are subject to "a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or ninety (90) days imprisonment or both". So far, only warnings have been issued to violators. The Commissioners may be forced to consider more aggressive enforcement measures if the problems continue.

WATER BILLS HAVE NEW LOOK- Many customers will soon be receiving new style water bills. The new bills will have a detailed breakdown of all charges, a payment copy and a copy for the user's records. Look for the new bills to arrive in a window envelope during the first week in January. All customers will receive the new style bills after April 1995.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN

CABLE TV QUESTIONS?

Representatives from Falcon Cable TV have been invited to the Town Council meeting on January 4, 1995 to answer general concerns and questions. The Commissioners want to be sure that customers are getting the best possible service for their cable TV dollar.



SAVE GIANT & SAFEWAY REGISTER TAPES-

Easton High School is collecting Giant Food register tapes (bottom part only) and Safeway receipts in order to get new computer equipment and microscopes for the science department.

Our neighbors in Trappe are encouraged to help. There will be a collection box for tapes and receipts in Quidas' garage, or you may contact Janie Adams at 476-3318. Any help is appreciated.

A THOUGHT FROM PASTOR HANK

As you begin your Christmas preparation, depending upon how efficient you are, please do not forget whose birth you are celebrating. Take a few minutes each day during the Advent season to pause, say a prayer, and ask the Lord for guidance. You'd be surprised, just two or three minutes of reflection with God will calm your nerves, focus your thoughts, and relax your body. Merry Christmas to all and to all, God Bless.
Pastor Hank



**SPECIAL TRASH AND CHRISTMAS TREE
COLLECTION FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1995**

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